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RED REPEATS CUBA STAND

**Zorin Insists Russia Would
Aid Castro In Attack**

New York, April 26 (AP)—Valerian A. Zorin, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, insisted today that the Soviet Union would keep its promise to help Cuba against attack.

He was asked at a news conference if the Soviet Union was committed to defend Cuba in the same degree Britain was committed to defend Poland before World War II.

"The Soviet Government," he replied, "views problems of assistance in a more serious light than the United Kingdom viewed its commitment of assistance to Poland."

"Will Extend Assistance"

"If the Soviet Union says it will extend assistance, it will extend assistance. It will not act as Britain acted before the war in respect to Poland."

Britain declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939, two days after Germany declared war on Poland. Zorin did not explain how anybody could be more serious than that. He also did not say just how the Soviet Union would help Cuba if the United States attacked.

Last summer Premier Khrushchev threatened retaliation by rockets against the United States if it attacked Cuba. He later said he meant symbolic rockets. But he did not repeat the rocket threat when Cuban refugees invaded Cuba with United States encouragement last week in a vain effort to overthrow pro-Communist Prime Minister Fidel Castro. At that time Khrushchev

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promised all necessary assistance.

Zorin expressed hope that President Kennedy's investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency "will lead to complete liquidation of the aggressive acts which the CIA fostered, prepared and, in the case of Cuba, carried out."

Unless Cuba is left free to chart its own course, he said, there

will be "serious strife and conflict whose limits cannot be predetermined."

Asked if he saw any link between peace in Laos and peace in Cuba, he said aggressive acts against Cuba would have an impact on the state of affairs in Laos.

Denies Direct Tie

"But," he added, "that does not mean there is a direct, one-to-one correspondence, where you push a button here and we push a button there."

Zorin said he was convinced that the Communist Pathet Lao faction would adhere to the agreement reached between Britain and the Soviet Union last week-end calling for a cease-fire in Laos, an international conference and a renewal of the International Control Commission.

But he predicted trouble if attempts were made to install a pro-Western rather than a neutralist government in Laos. He said "the whole Laotian people" now were rallying behind Soviet-favored Prince Souvanna Phouma as the man who could head a neutralist government.

Zorin said the United Nations mission that Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General, sent to Laos in 1959 had been illegal from the beginning and should be liquidated now that a settlement was in sight.

The Soviet official said Hammarskjold's prestige had "dropped precipitately" and "he is just barely tolerated" by "broad circles of delegates."

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